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Title: REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE WITH ILLUMINATION

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement* by Applicant because this *Information Disclosure Statement* by Applicant is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

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